

speak

Personification

Read the poem "Summer Grass" by Carl Sandburg and think about how personification is used to make the poem more descriptive.

"Summer Grass" by Carl Sandburg

*Summer grass aches and whispers
It wants something: it calls and sings; it pours
out wishes to the overhead stars.
The rain hears; the rain answers; the rain is slow
coming; the rain wets the face of the grass.*

Directions: Correctly identify the examples of personification in the sentences below. Underline the non-human thing and circle the human quality.

1. The winter wrapped its icy claws around Northeast Pennsylvania.
2. The alarm clock screeched that it was time to get up.
3. Fear grabbed me as I heard footsteps behind me.
4. The washer sputtered and groaned as it removed the mud
from the knees of my old jeans.
5. The printer spit out more copies than I needed.
6. The branches of the tree pointed to the old dirt road.
7. The flood waters swallowed the trees in one big gulp.
8. The stars winked at us from the night sky.
9. Listening to the piano sing its happy tune made me want to
dance.
10. That carrot cake with the cream cheese icing is calling my name.